

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2008 ("Action"). Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14, 54, 55, and 63 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilcock et al. (US Application: US 2001/0015756 A1) in view of Moore et al. (US 20040189707), and further in view of Kobayashi et al. (US 2003/0217118). Claims 15-23, 25-27, 29-32, 34-37, and 56-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilcock in view of Moore and Kobayashi, and further in view of Rothmuller et al. (US 2003/0033296). Claims 24, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilcock in view of Moore, Kobayashi, and Rothmuller, and further in view of Takahashi et al. (US Patent 5,537,528). Claim 33 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilcock in view of Moore, Kobayashi, and Rothmuller, and further in view of Wang et al. (US Patent No. 5,802,361). Claim 48 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilcock in view of Nagaoka (US Patent No. 6,992,710). Claims 49-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilcock in view of Nagaoka and Rothmuller. Claim 53 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilcock in view of Rothmuller, Stubler et al. (US Application No. 2002/0188602 A1), Wang, and Nagaoka. Claims 64 and 65 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Wilcock in view of Moore. Applicants respectfully traverse for at least the following reasons.

A. Comments on Claim 14

Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the features recited in previous claim 21, now cancelled. Claim 14, as amended, recites an apparatus comprising a processor configured to "control displaying in the user interface simultaneous indications of years, months and days that are available for sequential user selection." Support for the claim amendment may be found at least at the example embodiments depicted in FIGs. 10A-H. To reject previous claim 21, the examiner relied on Rothmuller to disclose the claimed displaying of simultaneous indications, and hence implicitly conceded that the other references fail to disclose this feature.

Rothmuller also fails to disclose the claimed displaying of simultaneous indications. The Action alleges that Figure 1, reference 250, discloses that "the years, months, and days are simultaneously displayed sequentially via the time line (reference number 250), and the days are displayed as well in the image area." Applicants respectfully disagree. Reference 250 of Rothmuller describes a timeline and

histogram in Fig. 1 (*see* Rothmuller at ¶ 0035), but clearly fails to describe simultaneous displaying in a user interface indications of years, months, and days, and further that they are available for sequential user selection. As such, the cited references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest an apparatus comprising a processor configured to “control displaying in the user interface simultaneous indications of years, months and days that are available for sequential user selection” in the manner recited in amended claim 14. In addition, Applicants submit that the cited references are not properly combinable. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Action has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness and respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

B. Comments on Claims 15-16, 18-20, 22-37, 48-49, 51-52, 54-56, 58-60, and 62-67

Applicants submit that claims 15-16, 18-20, 22-37, 48-49, 51-52, 54-56, 58-60, and 62-67 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 14 in addition to the features they recite.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be deemed necessary to facilitate prosecution of the application.

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